Negotiations with NSCN (IM)

158. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of negotiations with NSCN(IM) group;

(b) wheher Government are aware of the fear in a number of North-Eastern States that these negotiations may undermine their territorial integrity;

(c) whether Government of these States have approached the Central Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what assurances, if any, have been given to these States on behalf of the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Negotiations have been going on with NSCN (IM) leaders to find an amicable solution to the Naga issues. While there has been an exchange of views and efforts to reach a mutually acceptable position, negotiations remain inconclusive.

(b) to (d) Government is aware of the emotional feelings of some of the North Eastern States about their territorial integrity. Government had reiterated its stand from time to time that territorial integrity of North Eastern States would not be disturbed.

Steps taken to prevent Hyderabad from being a safe haven for terrorist

159. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of major terrorist strikes which took place recently in Mumbai, Gujarat and elsewhere in the country were found to have Hyderabad connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to liquidate terrorists' clusters in the city and prevent it from being a safe haven for militant activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) As per available information, some of the